

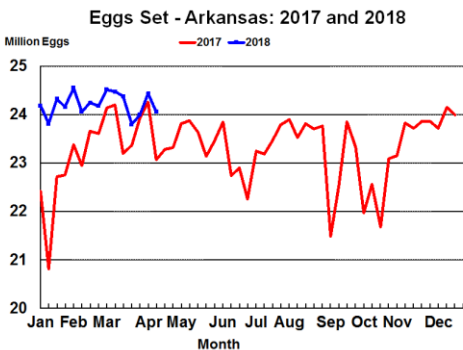
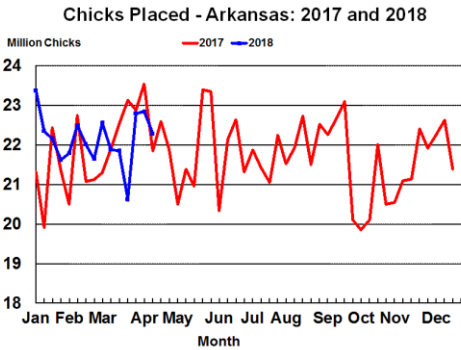


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Chick Placements Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.3 million during the week ending April 14, 2018. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2017 but down 2 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 14, 2018, up 4 percent from the same period last year but down 2 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - 19 Major States by Week: March 17, 2018 - April 14, 2018

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	30,355	30,271	30,169	30,000	30,151	22,943	22,279	22,637	24,091	23,624
Arkansas	24,375	23,796	23,996	24,435	24,055	21,850	20,627	22,788	22,835	22,275
Delaware	5,310	5,215	5,296	5,276	5,233	6,139	5,488	4,577	5,548	4,764
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,295	1,360	1,327	1,269	1,317
Georgia	35,035	35,056	35,213	35,443	35,838	27,774	27,966	26,791	26,223	27,428
Kentucky	7,593	7,790	7,761	7,870	7,819	5,853	5,700	5,577	5,988	6,407
Louisiana	3,651	3,500	3,591	3,712	3,712	2,764	2,970	2,943	2,958	2,813
Maryland	8,235	8,242	8,245	8,255	8,224	6,173	5,824	6,670	5,317	6,462
Mississippi	18,098	18,577	18,457	18,489	18,324	15,187	15,248	15,230	14,939	15,202
Missouri	8,138	7,987	7,934	7,951	8,132	5,917	6,440	5,567	6,220	5,508
N. Carolina	22,573	22,746	22,742	22,551	22,711	17,756	18,261	18,166	18,628	18,489
Oklahoma	7,177	7,314	7,292	7,450	7,518	3,987	4,987	3,781	2,759	3,256
Pennsylvania	5,487	5,519	5,655	5,712	5,533	3,951	3,844	3,932	4,072	4,023
S. Carolina	5,597	5,846	5,485	5,613	5,702	4,750	4,896	4,964	4,820	4,421
Texas	16,304	15,986	16,192	16,115	16,111	13,112	13,110	13,129	13,395	13,320
Virginia	6,620	6,168	6,381	6,242	6,323	5,100	5,690	5,927	6,050	5,359
CA,TN & WV	12,770	12,455	12,709	12,311	12,895	10,031	10,946	10,708	11,223	11,176
Other States	9,586	9,397	9,618	9,552	9,490	7,342	7,272	7,391	7,382	6,847
U.S. Total	228,129	227,090	227,961	228,202	228,996	182,836	183,322	183,084	183,679	182,184
% of Prev. Year	102	103	102	102	103	101	100	101	101	101

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 229 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 14, 2018, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 14, 2018, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through April 14, 2018 for the United States were 2.73 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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